

ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION (0238)
Fiscal Years 2014 & 2015

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

The Arkansas Ethics Commission governs under the provisions of Initiated Acts 1 of 1988 and 1990. These provisions charge the Arkansas Ethics Commission with the responsibility of overseeing the campaign finance activities of state, county, municipal, and school board level candidates, candidate committees and political action committees. Additionally, the provisions govern lobbyists' activities in Arkansas, require lobbyists to register and file reports disclosing their expenditures and reimbursements, and require public officials to file an annual financial disclosure document and to report any potential conflict of interest.

Total Budget

The total budget recommended is \$729,462 and \$729,584 in fiscal years one and two, respectively.

Funding Source

This budget is funded with General Revenue through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund.

II) APPROPRIATIONS/CHANGES

The Ethics Commission Operations appropriation, funded by General Revenue through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund is for \$729,462 in fiscal year 2014 and \$729,584 in fiscal year 2015. The commission has nine (9) positions and is requesting an increase of \$13,169 in Operating Expenses for both fiscal years, along with the 2% COLA included in Salaries and Personal Services Matching as recommended by the executive. This increase is to provide for increases across several categories of the Operating Expenses including the costs of supplies, meeting expenses and notification, reminder and educational activities.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2015: 9
Total positions for FY 2014: 9
Total budgeted positions for FY 2013: 9
New Positions requested: 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.